

2006 Sunnyvale State of the City

# Community Award Nomination Packet



Dear Community Member:

Every year in Sunnyvale, the mayor and City Council recognize individuals and organizations for exemplary service to Sunnyvale, as part of the Mayor's State of the City celebration. I would sincerely appreciate your help in nominating outstanding members of our community. This year's prestigious awards include:

- Distinguished Resident of the Year
- Outstanding Businessperson of the Year
- Outstanding Community Volunteer of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution to the Arts
- Outstanding Environmental Achievement
- Outstanding High School Senior of the Year

Enclosed in this packet are a nomination form and selection criteria for this year's awards. A committee will select the award recipients after reviewing all of the nominations.

The 2006 State of the City celebration will begin at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 4, at Washington Park, 840 W. Washington Ave. This free event is open to the public and will include the State of the City Address and community awards presentation.

I hope to see you at this year's celebration, and I appreciate your help in identifying those who deserve recognition for their role in making Sunnyvale a world-class community.

I would like to thank you in advance for returning these nomination forms on or before **5 p.m., Friday, May 19**. If you have any questions, please contact the Sunnyvale Communications Division at (408) 730-7535, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail [communications@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:communications@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

Ron Swegles  
Mayor



Nomination materials should address as many of these criteria as apply. Supporting information is encouraged. **Please summarize the nominee's achievements in one or two pages and staple them to this form.**

## 2006 State of the City

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### CATEGORY 1: **DISTINGUISHED RESIDENT OF THE YEAR**

For Sunnyvale residents who have made a significant and lasting beneficial impact on our community. Individual citizens, community organizations, churches, schools and businesses are eligible for this award.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Significant accomplishments, whether past or present;
- Amount of time and energy devoted to the community beyond

the scope of normal citizen responsibilities;

- Quality, scale and duration of the benefit to the community; and
- Nature of the challenges faced and overcome by this individual.

**Questions to Answer:**

1. What contributions has this individual made to the community that are beyond the scope of normal civic

responsibilities?

2. Discuss the time and energy devoted to community projects.
3. What impact on the community did this individual's activities make? How has this person made a difference?
4. Discuss the challenges met by this individual.
5. How have this person's activities affected or enhanced Sunnyvale's community reputation?

### CATEGORY 2: **OUTSTANDING BUSINESSPERSON OF THE YEAR**

Business organizations, community groups, local businesses and individuals are eligible for this award. Nominees do not have to be residents of Sunnyvale.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Establishment, development, and promotion of business in Sunnyvale;
- Contributions of time, talent and leadership to foster a healthy climate for business and a strong economy in Sunnyvale;
- Leadership in technology and innovation which has helped

secure Sunnyvale's reputation as a good place for business; and

- Civic and community service beyond normal responsibilities which has made a lasting and beneficial impact on Sunnyvale.

**Questions to Answer:**

1. Describe any contributions of time, talent and leadership which the nominee has made to (answer as many as apply):
  - a. affect the establishment, development and promotion of business in Sunnyvale.
  - b. foster a healthy climate for

business and a strong local economy.

- c. enhance Sunnyvale's reputation as a good place to live, work, and/or do business.
  - d. make a significant contribution in the area(s) of research, technology, and/or innovation.
2. How would you describe the examples set by this individual's business and civic behavior?
  3. Describe the challenges this individual has met while making these contributions to business and/or the community.

### CATEGORY 3: **OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

For Sunnyvale residents who have made a significant and lasting beneficial impact on the community and its people through volunteer service are now being sought. Individual citizens, community organizations, churches, schools, and businesses are eligible for this award.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Significant accomplishments achieved through volunteer service;
- Embodies the spirit of

volunteerism, encouraging and inspiring others to volunteer service; and

- On-going volunteer involvement which benefits the Sunnyvale community.

**Questions to Answer:**

1. What contributions has this individual/group made to the Sunnyvale community through volunteer service (not limited to the number of hours contributed)?
2. What impact did these

contributions make and how has it addressed a community need?

3. How does this person exemplify the spirit of volunteerism?
4. How does this person continue to serve the community as a volunteer?
5. Discuss the personal effort involved and what, if any, challenges/obstacles were overcome in making these contributions.

#### CATEGORY 4: **OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS**

For Sunnyvale residents who have made a significant and lasting beneficial impact on the community and its residents through the arts. Individual citizens, community organizations, music groups, schools, art clubs and businesses from Sunnyvale are eligible for this award.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Nominee's specific role in advancing the arts;
- The specific impact on the

arts and/or arts education in Sunnyvale; and

- Nominee's leadership in providing heightened visibility to the value of the arts.

**Questions to Answer:**

1. What contributions has this individual/group made to the Sunnyvale community through the arts?
2. What specific role has this person had in advancing the arts?

3. How does this person demonstrate leadership and visibility to the value of the arts?
4. How does this person's impact on the arts and/or arts education serve the community?
5. Discuss the personal effort involved and what, if any, challenges/obstacles were overcome in making these contributions.

#### CATEGORY 5: **OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT**

For individuals and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to sustainable living by reducing the impact of human activity on the natural world, conserving resources and improving the quality of life in our community. Recognition is based on efforts exceeding compliance with existing regulations.

Individual residents, community organizations, churches, schools and businesses in Sunnyvale are eligible for this award.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Measurable impact of the results;
- Duration of the benefit attained;
- Motivation to begin the activity;
- Innovation to meet challenges;

- Resources dedicated to the effort; and
- Education and encouragement of others.

**Questions to Answer:**

1. What did the nominee do?
2. Why did they do it?
3. How did it benefit the environment?

#### CATEGORY 6: **OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR OF THE YEAR**

High school administrators, teachers, staff, community organizations, members of the community and other students are encouraged to nominate students whose achievements reflect the highest standards for community service, the arts, athletics, leadership, initiative and academic achievement. While a strong scholastic record is encouraged, it will be considered as one of several criteria.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Community service, especially in activities in which the student's initiative, leadership and participation have made a significant difference;
- Extra-curricular achievements such as in the arts, leadership, or athletics where the student has made a significant accomplishment;

- Academic achievements as evidenced by grades, awards, scholarships or projects; and
- Characteristics which distinguish the student as a well-balanced and productive individual with great potential.

**Questions to Answer:**

1. Indicate the community service in which this individual has participated. How has this service benefited and left a lasting impact on the community and/or the school? Note the initiative, leadership and commitment which are a part of the student's accomplishments.
2. Discuss the extracurricular activities which make this individual exceptional (e.g., the arts, leadership, athletics, special interests). How did this student's participation make a difference?

3. Have there been any particular challenges in this student's life that make his/her contribution exceptional?
4. Please provide information about this student's academic record. (If transcript is not available, indicate grade point average.) Discuss this student's academic history, attitudes and accomplishments.
5. What distinguishes this student from others?
6. Summarize the student's attributes and activities which give evidence to the balance, focus, contributions and challenges that denote the level of outstanding achievement of this individual.

*Please submit a transcript of the scholastic records if available. More than one nomination for a student is encouraged.*

# Community Award Nomination Form

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## Nominee Information

▼ First Name	Last Name	
▼ Organization		
▼ Address		
▼ City	State	Zip Code
▼ Phone		

### For which award are you nominating this person/organization?

(If submitting multiple nominations, please use a separate nomination form for each person/organization you are nominating)

- ☐ Distinguished Resident of the Year
- ☐ Outstanding High School Senior of the Year
- ☐ Outstanding Businessperson of the Year
- ☐ Outstanding Contribution to the Arts
- ☐ Outstanding Environmental Achievement
- ☐ Outstanding Community Volunteer of the Year

### Nominator Information

▼ First Name	Last Name	
▼ Organization		
▼ Address		
▼ City	State	Zip Code
▼ Phone		
▼ Signature of Nominator		

### Submit your nomination

Nominations are due by **5 p.m., Friday, May 19**. Remember to include any necessary supporting documentation. You can submit your nomination three ways. Please complete a separate nomination form for each person or organization you are nominating attending from your organization.

#### By Mail

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#### By Fax—24 Hours

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